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SUBJECT: OPINION - JAMAICANS FAVOR U. S. AID (SURPRISE?)

1. JUNE 13 AND 14, DAILY GLEANERS REPORT RESULT OF POLL ON
JAMAICA PUBLIC APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF US AID. POLL CON-
DUCTED MAY 26-MAY 31 BY DIR. CARL STONE WHO ACCURATELY PRE-
DICTED RESULTS OF 1976 GENERAL ELECTIONS BASED ON
INTERVIEW OF 500 PERSONS. POLL RESULTS AS FOLLOWS:

2. QUESTION: DO YOU THINK THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD SEEK
HELP FROM THE CARTER GOVERNMENT IN THE USA?

ANSWERS: YES 59 PERCENT

YES (BUT ON CONDITIONS) 17 PERCENT

NO 14 PERCENT

NO OPINION 10 PERCENT

3. ACCORDING TO STONE, THE 14 PERCENT OPPOSED TO

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US AID CORRESPONDS CLOSELY TO THOSE ALSO INDICATING
DISAPPROVAL OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CURRENT (MODERATE)
PRODUCTION PLAN AND WHO WOULD PRESUMABLY FAVOR A
MORE RADICAL PRESCRIPTION FOR JAMAICA'S ECONOMIC
PROBLEMS. THE 17 PERCENT WHO APPROVE OF AID, BUT
"ON DONDITIONS", REPRESENT THOSE WHO, ACCORDING TO
STONE, "DISTRUST THE IMPERIALIST INTENTIONS OF THE

U.S." BUT RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR ASSISTANCE.

4. STONE CONCLUDES FROM HIS POOL RESULTS THAT
"CLEARLY THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST POSTURES AGAINST THE
U.S. IN THE RECENT PAST HAVE NOT LEFT ANY LEGACY
OR RESIDUE OF ANTI-U.S. HOSTILITY TO WEAKEN SUPPORT
FOR WHAT SOME WOULD TERM A RETURN TO A MORE PRAG-
MATIC, NON-IDEOLOGICAL FOREIGN POLICY."

5. STONE ALSO NOTES THAT BASIC SUPPORT FOR U.S.
ASSISTANCE EXISTS AT ALL CLASS LEVELS. THOSE
FAVORING U.S. AID INCLUDE 69 PERCENT FROM FARM AREAS, 75 PERCENT
FROM RURAL TOWNS, 91 PERCENT FROM THE KINGSTON
MIDDLE CLASS AND 74 PERCENT FROM THE KINGSTON
WORKING CLASS. STONE CONCLUDES THAT "TO THE EXTENT
ANY ANTI-IMPERIALIST SENTIMENT EXISTS, IT DOES NOT
REPRESENT AN IDEOLOGICAL OPPOSITION TO THE U.S. OR
TO FOREIGN CAPITAL.
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